

I have been receiving 'excellent' service from my independent ISP, Sonic.net for over 10 years. I highly value this 'local' service. I believe that BellSouth's petition for the FCC to stop regulating broadband service could have a detrimental effect on smaller, localized ISP's, and therefore am requesting that the FCC continue to regulate broadband service in order to keep these smaller independent ISP businesses functioning as they do today. I much prefer the local ISP to the larger, nation-wide services. My ISP, Sonic.net and I have a close working relationship. If I ever have problems or questions, the local folks are always available to help. I can even visit them 'in-person' if need be. I find this type of service 'extremely' valuable.

Thank you for your time.

Best regards, Craig Wiper, Santa Rosa, CA. craigw@sonic.net